

PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 03419.0023-00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
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Satoshi SAITO et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 1633
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Application No.: 10/507,129	)	Examiner: Scott Long
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Filing Date: April 11, 2005	)	
	)	Confirmation No.: 8898
For: METHOD OF CONTROLLING	)	
ETHANOL PRODUCTION AND MASS	)	
PRODUCTION OF LACTIC ACID AND	)	
TRANSFORMANT THEREFOR	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, Applicant provides the following remarks in reply to the Office Action mailed September 26, 2008. This reply is timely filed, as December 26, 2008, was declared a Federal Holiday.